

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-10 (canceled)

Claim 11 (new): A composition comprising at least three components:

a polymer base material;

a desiccating agent;

a channeling agent, wherein the channeling agent is a material that is melted, during processing of the composition, and is a material that forms passages throughout a polymer base material, after processing of the composition; and

wherein:

- a) the affinity between the material that is the channeling agent and the desiccating agent is greater than between the polymer base material and the desiccating agent;
- b) the desiccating agent is entrained in the polymer base material;
- c) the polymer base material is a material, prior to processing of the composition, that more greatly resists diffusion of moisture than does the material that is the channeling agent;
- d) the passages transmit moisture to the entrained desiccating agent in the polymer base material; and
- e) the composition has at least three phases.

Claim 12 (new). The composition of claim 11 wherein the amount of desiccating agent in the composition is between about 45% to about 60% by weight with respect to the polymer base material.

Claim 13 (new). The composition of claim 12 wherein the amount of polymer base material in the composition is at least about 40% by weight with respect to the composition.